Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2010

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010

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Greetings from the Administrator:

The VTA is appreciative of how the Island community has embraced the public transit system and continues to show their support. As the number of youth and elderly residents without access to private vehicles continues to grow, the VTA works hard to accommodate their transit dependent needs. The public transit system helps to balance the conservation of resources with meeting the needs of the traveling public.

Fiscal Year 2010 proved to be consistent in both the in-season and off-season ridership as compared to the previous year. Overall, ridership shows a less than 1% decrease between fiscal years.

Funds granted from the American Recovery and Reimbursement Act of 2009 allowed the VTA to purchase nine (9) new buses. These buses have replaced nine (9) aging vehicles in our existing fleet and will also reduce the maintenance costs associated with running older vehicles.

Fiscal Year 2010 showed a rise in medical and nutritional service trips on “The Lift” resulting in a 9% increase from FY 2009. Through the New Freedom Program, the VTA was able to allocate additional resources to researching and identifying transportation gaps and service options for seniors and persons with disabilities. The VTA was also able to provide the community with mobility aides such as tailored travel training programs and customized large print schedules specific to the riders’ needs.

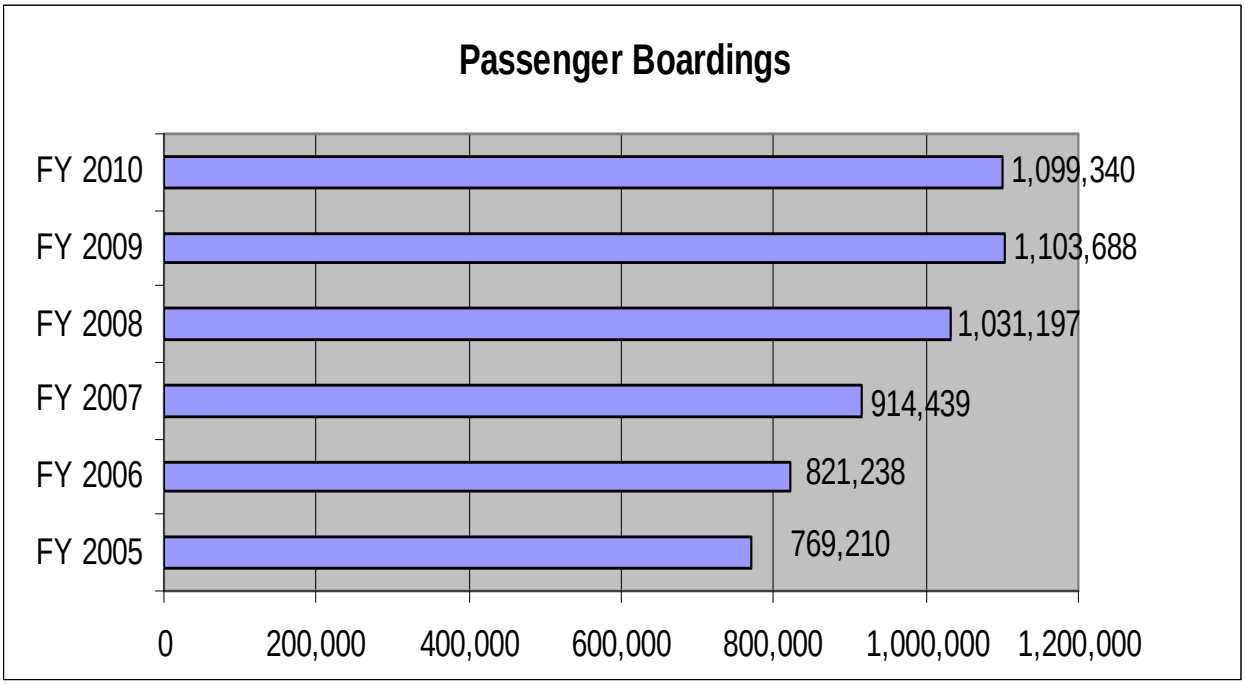
As always, I would like to extend my gratitude to our operating company, Transit Connection, Inc., and their staff for their continued devotion as we go into our ninth year of operation together. I would also like to express my appreciation to all of the town and local boards for their cooperation and support, as well as my staff for their commitment to providing quality public service. Last, but not least, thanks to the community and our passengers for their continued support of the VTA.

Truly,

Angela E. Grant, Administrator

Passenger Boardings by Fiscal Year

	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
July	200,671	210,985	218,789	228,006	261,735	245,214
August	214,511	235,088	235,105	254,856	286,044	265,384
September	89,664	103,252	98,051	118,503	107,316	131,257
October	44,558	39,553	51,790	62,250	69,594	60,675
November	12,894	14,846	20,081	24,920	29,142	28,092
December	9,173	11,121	16,424	18,739	23,381	22,859
January	7,008	9,954	14,605	18,827	20,659	20,364
February	8,013	9,471	12,987	18,980	20,720	20,040
March	10,741	12,450	18,050	23,792	25,737	26,987
April	17,843	21,832	25,265	34,355	38,125	39,630
May	43,891	53,129	69,461	78,874	84,607	91,324
June	110,243	99,557	133,831	149,095	136,628	147,514
Total	**769,210**	**821,238**	**914,439**	**1,031,197**	**1,103,688**	**1,099,340**



"The Lift"

The Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority provides year-round paratransit service to the Island's six (6) towns. The VTA also provides weekly van service to Boston area medical facilities. The following is a breakdown of *Lift* trips by purpose:

Trip Purpose	Trips
Medical	4,252
Nutrition	1,086
Social / Recreational	8,656
Nutrition/Shopping/Other	2,003
Total Trips	**15,997**

Fiscal Year 2010 Audit Report